

today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kent for this award and in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

REGARDING THE ENSURING USEFUL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES IS KEY FOR ALZHEIMER'S (EUREKA) ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Ensuring Useful Research Expenditures is Key for Alzheimer's Act—also known as the “EUREKA Act”, a bill I introduced earlier today with my fellow Tennessean JOHN DUNCAN, which would establish a prize competition to accelerate the discovery and development of treatments to alleviate, prevent, and/or cure Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

This is a bipartisan House companion to a bipartisan bill introduced previously by Senators ROGER WICKER, KELLY AYOTTE, JOHN BARRASSO, SHELLEY CAPITO, SUSAN COLLINS, ANGUS KING, and BRIAN SCHATZ.

Alzheimer's disease is a tragic disease affecting millions of Americans, and it has reached crisis proportions.

There is no effective treatment, no means of prevention, and no method for slowing the progression of the disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, five million Americans were living with Alzheimer's in 2013, and those numbers have swelled since then.

Because of the large numbers of patients and the length of time living with the disease, the Alzheimer's Association has called it “the most expensive disease in America.”

They estimate that the U.S. will spend \$236 billion in 2016 on patients who have Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Earlier this month, I and over 70 of my colleagues in the House signed a letter to the House Committee on Appropriations to request a \$500 million increase in National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) funding for Alzheimer's research in fiscal year 2017.

And while funding Alzheimer's research directly by the NIH is important to combating the disease, it is not the only way that Congress can act to stimulate discovery and development of new treatments.

The creation of prizes to be awarded for solving difficult problems is a new strategy for U.S. agencies to tap into the limitless ingenuity and creativity of the American people.

Prize competitions are run by more than 80 agencies across the federal government.

The EUREKA Act builds upon these efforts to seek innovative solutions from the public, and bring the best ideas and talent together to solve difficult problems.

If enacted, the EUREKA Act will provide \$10 million for the NIH and other agencies to create prizes for new prevention measures, treatments, and cures for Alzheimer's disease.

I urge my colleagues to join our bipartisan effort and help pass the EUREKA Act.

IN HONOR OF MASTER DEPUTY SHANNON CODERRE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of some of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office held their 2015 Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, February 19th to recognize the daily services and sacrifices provided by our local law enforcement. Selected from America's finest, and nominated by their peers, the following award serves as a testament to the officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting our community. The following individual deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which she serves, but also that of her elected officials.

The Master Deputy Program Achievement Award recognizes Master Deputy Shannon Coderre within the Master Deputy Program for superior job knowledge, devotion to duty, dedication and loyalty to the community as well as to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for protecting and serving our community day-in-day-out.

MEDIA IGNORE DISAGREEMENT ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the national liberal media promote the fiction that scientists all agree the earth continues to get warmer and that climate change causes severe weather events. However, there is little scientific consensus to support these claims.

For example, one often-cited statistic comes from one author who examined abstracts of articles to conclude that 75 percent of scientists believe in global warming.

But the author omitted abstracts from global warming skeptics. And the author never specifies how many of the abstracts actually endorse her conclusion that a “consensus” of scientists believes in climate change.

Slanting data on climate change is contrary to the respected scientific method.

Americans deserve all the facts that surround climate change, not just those that fit the view the national liberal media want to promote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 165 on H.R. 4096, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JODI MARTI

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Major Jodi Marti for being awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Maj. Marti spent fifteen months planning a domestic operations exercise called VIGILANT GUARD, conducted by the Iowa Army National Guard in conjunction with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The operation partnered with over 45 federal, state, regional and county agencies, involving simulated scenarios of flooding, tornados and widespread power outages. Maj. Marti is now serving in Kosovo, mentoring and training members of the Kosovo Security Forces.

Mr. Speaker, Maj. Marti is an Iowan who has made her state and nation proud. She has worked hard and dedicated herself to serving her country. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Maj. Marti for this award and wishing her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call Numbers 164 and 165, on H.R. 4820 and H.R. 4096, I was unable to make it to the vote series.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on both.

CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge.

In 1866, the community decided it was time to build a church.

And like good Louisianans, they set out to build one.

Members of the church harvested wood from the forests north of Baton Rouge, floated the logs down the Mississippi River to their chosen site and used them to build the congregation's first church a house of worship built by hands of her parishioners.

Throughout the dark days of segregation in our nation's history, the Wesley Methodist Church was a beacon of light and played an important role serving the African American in the heart of Louisiana's capital.

Sadly, the original structure was destroyed by a storm in 1883, and shortly after being rebuilt, the church was again destroyed by a fire in 1892.